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Examiner: Thanh Lam

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In re:

Applicant: Hussam HELMI

Serial No.: 10/528,970

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AMENDMENT

March 31, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P O Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of
March 1, 2006.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the present application contained three different species A, B, C and required to elect a single species for further prosecution.

With the present communication, applicants have provisionally elected for further prosecution the species A.

It is believed that claim 1, the broadest claim on file, is generic to all the species involved.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 10 are believed to be readable on the elected species.

At the same time the Examiner's election requirement is respectfully traversed.

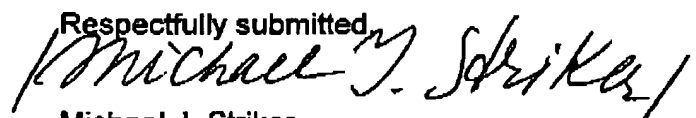
The present application is a U.S. national phase patent application based on the previous PCT application. As such, its prosecution has to be subjected to Rule 13 of the PCT regulations. In accordance with the Rule 13, a single application can contain several species and claims related to the several species.

It is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the election requirement and to prosecute in the present application all species and all claims covering them.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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